

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 TRIPOL 00957 150818Z

22

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 AF-08 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06

IO-13 OMB-01 SAM-01 SAB-01 /081 W

----- 018744

R 150710Z JUL 76

FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3469

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE TRIPOLI 0957

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, LY

SUBJECT: "POPULAR" DEMONSTRATION SUPPORTING QADHAFI, CONDEMNING
WORLD

1. SUMMARY: LARG STAGED "SPONTANEOUS" DEMONSTRATION IN
SUPPORT OF COL QADHAFI. PLACARDS, BANNERS SPEECHES
CONDEMNED BOTH WEST AND ARAB WORLD. RALLY RUINED
BY RAIN, LACK OF INTEREST. IF DESIGNED BOLSTER
FAILING EGO OF COL QADHAFI, HE MUST BE EVEN MORE
DEPRESSED BY NON-EVENT. SPECULATE RALLY TO PREPARE LIBYANS
FOR YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT EXPORT COL QADHAIF'S "REVOLUTION".
END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF NERVOUSLY MINGLED AMIDST CONSPICUOUS SECRET POLICE
AND SEVERAL DOZEN OF LIBYA' "MASSES" WHO GATHERED AT
PEOPLE'S PALACE DURING INITIAL STAGE OF "SPONTANEOUS"
DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF THEIR RCC CHAIRMAN, COL
QADHAFI. THEMES OF DEMONSTRATION WERE READILY APPARENT
FROM MULTICOLORED BANNERS OF ARDUOUSLY WORKED CALIGRAPHY.
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 TRIPOL 00957 150818Z

FEW ARAB LEADERS WERE SPARED BY THE WRATH OF THE

CLAIGRAPHERS' BRUSH. BANNERS CALLED FOR TRIAL
OF SADAT, THE AGENT, SYRIA'S WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON
AND REVOLT OF SYRIANS AGAINST ASSAD. DEATH TO
NUMEIRI, "THE PUPPET OF CAPITALISTS", UNITY WITH
LEBANESE AND PALESTINIAN REVOLUTIONS AND OVERTHROW OF JORDAN'S
KING HUSSEIN. LESS EMOTIONAL BANNERS TOLD
QADHAFI NOT TO WORRY, LIBYANS WILL SACRIFICE THEIR BLOOD TO
SPREAD HIS REVOLUTION.

3. EMBOFF COMFORTABLY OBSERVED REMAINDER OF
DEMONSTRATION ON EMB TV. SPEAKERS ADDRESSED EVEN SMALLER
CROWD THAN THAT WHICH BEGAN DEMONSTRATION. BRIEF SHOWER,
UNUSUAL FOR JULY APPARENTLY DISPERSED MANY OF MULTITUDE.
FEW DEMONSTRATORS THAT REMAINED, TO APPEAR ON TV, HEARD
SERIES OF SPEECHES FROM UNKNOWN WHO DELIVERED PERFUNCTORILY
CRITICISM OF US FOREIGN POLICY AND ARAB REACTIONARIES.
COL QADHAFI MADE BRIEF APPEARANCE AT WINDOW OF HIS OFFICE,
BUT HE DID NOT ADDRESS "CROWD".

4. COMMENT: AS DEMONSTRATION WAS BILLED AS POPULAR
RALLY IN SUPPORT OF COL. QADHAFI, RESULTING POOR DOMESTIC
TURNOUT MUST HAVE DEPRESSED RCC CHAIRMAN EVEN MORE THAN
FAILURES OF HIS FOREIGN POLICY. PURPOSE OF
RALLY, HOWEVER, MAY HAVE BEEN TO CONDITION PUBLIC
OPINION FOR LARG ACTION JUSTIFIED ON BASIS THAT
AGGRIEVED AND ISOLATED LIBYA MUST DO SOMETHING TO
REGAIN ITS HONOR.
CARLE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 JUL 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: saccheem
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976TRIPOL00957
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760272-0913
From: TRIPOLI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760753/aaaabumf.tel
Line Count: 89
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: saccheem
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 JUN 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <18 OCT 2004 by saccheem>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: "POPULAR" DEMONSTRATION SUPPORTING QADHAFI, CONDEMNING WORLD
TAGS: PFOR, LY
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006